

## Women's History Potpourri

*Here are a variety of facts concerning the lives of many different women. We suggest that you use these for posters, research topics, quiz materials, announcements in daily bulletins, and placards in the hallways, library, and cafeteria.*

1. Who founded Bethune-Cookman College, established the National Council of Negro Women, and served as an advisor on minority affairs to President Franklin D. Roosevelt?
2. What woman won the Nobel Prize for Literature?
3. What Black woman refused to give up her seat to a White man, in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955, thus sparking the civil rights movement of the following decade?
4. Who was the first woman to run for President of the United States (1872)?
5. Who opened up social work as a profession for women, and also won the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize for her anti-war organizing work?
6. Which Mexican-American woman has repeatedly been the leading money winner in the Ladies Professional Golf Association?
7. Who was the first woman Poet Laureate of the United States?
8. Who was the first "First Lady" to have developed her own political and media identity?
9. Who wrote the first version of the Equal Rights Amendment, in 1923?
10. Who was the first Black woman elected to Congress?
11. What leading suffragist was arrested and convicted of attempting to vote in the 1872 election?
12. Who was the first Chinese-American woman ever elected to hold a statewide office in the United States?

13. What journalist traveled around the world in 72 days in 1890?
14. What woman was turned down by 29 medical schools before being accepted as a student, graduated at the head of her class, and became the first licensed woman doctor in the U.S.?
15. What former slave was a powerful speaker for the rights of women and Black people?
16. When was the Equal Rights Amendment first introduced into Congress?
17. Who was the last queen of the Hawaiian Islands, deposed because American business interests wanted to annex Hawaii to the U.S.?
18. Which woman was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for holding religious discussion meetings in her home?
19. Who spoke out for the advancement of American Indians' rights from speaker's platforms nationwide and before Congressional committees in the 1880s?
20. Who drove a stagecoach across the roughest part of the West without anyone knowing until she died that she was a woman?
21. Who was the first Hispanic woman to serve as U.S. Treasurer?
22. Who was the Shoshone Indian woman who served as guide and interpreter on the Lewis and Clark expedition?
23. Who was Chair of the Board and publisher of *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek* magazine, and also oversaw six broadcasting stations?
24. About 20,000 women shirtwaist workers staged a strike for better working conditions. Their action was called the "Uprising of the 20,000." When and where did his strike occur?
25. When did officials of Little League Baseball announce that they would "defer to the changing social climate" and let girls play on their teams?

26. As vice president of the United Farm Workers, what woman has been vital in speaking for civil and economic rights for farm workers throughout the U.S.?
27. When did Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 go into effect, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded school programs and activities?
28. What woman was invited to teach nuclear physics at Princeton University, even though no female students were allowed to study there?
29. What woman served as a “conductor” on the Underground Railroad, freeing hundreds of southern slaves and leading them to safety in the North? A \$40,000 reward was offered for her capture.
30. Who is revered for her contributions to Puerto Rican traditions, folklore and feminist ideals?
31. Who was the first woman to complete an around-the-world solo flight?
32. What woman is credited with helping free more than 2,000 Chinese women and children smuggled into San Francisco to be sold as slaves?
33. Who was the first African-American woman poet to have her works published?
34. Who pioneered in the field of industrial time and motion efficiency, using her theories to organize her own home and twelve children?
35. What major national bakery was started by Margaret Fogarty Rudkin (1897-1967) from her additive-free, home-baked bread?
36. Who was the first woman rabbi in the U.S., ordained in 1972?
37. What woman, the daughter of an Omaha Indian Chief, became an effective reformer and lecturer on behalf of Indians?
38. What female singer was instrumental in getting bilingual education legislation enacted in the State of California?

- 39.** What woman wrote the poem “Battle Hymn of the Republic” which was later set to the tune of “John Brown’s Body”?
- 40.** What woman’s skill as an artist and teacher saved her New Mexico village from poverty and established a firm economic base for her community?
- 41.** In 1985 she became the first woman to win the 1,000-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, a 32-day race from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. What’s her name?

## Answers to Women's History Potpourri

1. Mary McLeod Bethune (1875–1955)
2. Toni Morrison (b. 1931)
3. Rosa Parks (b. 1920)
4. Victoria Woodhull (1838-1927)
5. Jane Addams (1860-1935)
6. Nancy Lopez (b. 1957)
7. Rita Dove (b. 1952)
8. Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)
9. Alice Paul (1885-1977)
10. Shirley Chisholm (b.1924)
11. Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906)
12. March Fong Eu (b. 1929)
13. Nellie Bly (1867-1922), real name Elizabeth Cochrane Seaman
14. Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910)
15. Sojourner Truth (C. 1797-1883)
16. 1923
17. Queen Liliuokalani (1838-1917)
18. Anne Hutchinson (1591-1643)
19. Sarah Winnemucca (1844-1891)

- 20.** Charlie Parkhurst (c. 1812-1879)
- 21.** Romana Bañuelos (b. 1925)
- 22.** Sacajawea (c. 1786-1812)
- 23.** Katherine Graham (b. 1917-2001)
- 24.** 1909, New York City
- 25.** 1974
- 26.** Dolores Huerta (b. 1930)
- 27.** 1976
- 28.** Chien-Shiung Wu (1912-1997)
- 29.** Harriet Tubman (c. 1820-1913)
- 30.** María Cadilla de Martínez (1886-1951)
- 31.** Jerrie Mock (b. 1925)
- 32.** Donaldina Cameron (1869-1968)
- 33.** Phillis Wheatley (1753-1784)
- 34.** Lillian Gilbreth (1878-1972)
- 35.** Pepperidge Farms
- 36.** Sally Priesand (b. 1947)
- 37.** Susette La Flesche (1854-1903)
- 38.** Vikki Carr (b. 1941)
- 39.** Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910)

**40.** Maria Martinez (1887-1980)

**41.** Libby Riddles (b. 1956)